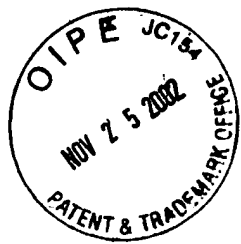


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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § § 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including November 21, 2002.

Kindly amend the application as follows: